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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated portions of the specification as follows:

[0004] A system for forming a microporous ink receptive coating includes a fusible latex configured to coat a substrate, wherein the fusible latex includes a hard core material and a soft shell material, wherein the latex exhibits self-adhesive properties at a room or system operation temperature.

[0024] One exemplary embodiment of the present system and method for generating a binder free microporous ink receptive coating is based on employing a hard core/soft shell latex (150) that includes a hard center having a high glass transition temperature (T<sub>g</sub>) and a soft latex shell having a low glass transition temperature (T<sub>g</sub>). Once the hard core/soft shell latex (105) coats a desired substrate, the soft shell portions become tackified at room or system operating temperatures and adhere to one another. A recording medium may then be deposited on the hard core/soft shell latex (105). Once an image printing process has been performed, the top layer may be fused using heat and/or pressure to form a continuous latex layer.